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I am distressed that the proposed settlement is far too lenient and that Microsoft's monopoly will continue to grow leaving computer users with increasingly fewer options for desktop software and operating systems.

If you look at the new "Technologies" or "Features" which are introduced as part of Windows XP the future looks grim. We may be forced to store personal data using Microsoft's Passport in order to use web commerce, we may be restricted to only playing multimedia sound and movies using Microsoft's proprietary media format, our desktop applications and web pages may automatically sprout unintended web links to Microsoft sponsored sites, and we will be forced to pay monthly fees to Microsoft in order to use their software.

As long as Microsoft controls both desktop applications and the operating system, it will continue to strangle innovation, force users to pay outrageously high prices for software, and behave like 500 pound gorilla.

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